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Int. Cl.<sup>6</sup> H01L21/3065, H01L21/304, 341, H01L21/205, H01L21/31, C23C16/44, C23C16/50, C07C19/08, C07C49/167, C07D303/08

## B. 調査を行った分野

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## 最小限資料以外の資料で調査を行った分野に含まれるもの

日本国実用新案公報 1960-1994

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## 国際調査で使用した電子データベース (データベースの名称、調査に使用した用語)

## C. 関連すると認められる文献

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※ PX	JP08-291299A (セントラル硝子株式会社), 5.11月.1996(05.11.96), 第1欄第18-19行, 第7, 8欄 (ファミリーなし)	1, 4-6, 9, 10
✕	JP60-77429A (旭硝子株式会社), 2.5月.1985(02.05.85), 第2頁右下欄第15行-第3頁左上欄第14行 & US4581101A & EP140201A	1-10
Y	JP55-149643A (ザ・パーキン・エルマー・コーポレーション), 21.11月.1980(21.11.80), 第1頁右下欄第1行 & US4260649A & GB2048786B	1, 4-6, 9, 10
✕	JP04-346428A (ソニー株式会社), 2.12月.1992(02.12.92), 第1頁右下欄 (ファミリーなし)	1, 2, 5-7, 10
※ Y	JP06-163476A (ソニー株式会社), 10.6月.1994(10.06.96), 第2頁右欄第28-49行 (ファミリーなし)	1-10
✕ A	JP09-137274A (名古屋大学長), 27.5月.1997(27.05.97), 第8頁右欄第48行-第9頁左欄第10行 (ファミリーなし)	1-10

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④ E A	JP09-129612A (東京エレクトロン株式会社) , 16. 5月. 1997 (16. 05. 97), 第 2 頁左欄 & EP776032A	1-10
✕ A	JP09-36091A (株式会社東芝) , 7. 2月. 1997 (07. 02. 97), 第 2 頁左欄第 2 - 2 8 行 & & TW302509A	1-10
✕ A	JP04-56770A (日立電子エンジニアリング株式会社) , 24. 2月. 1992 (24. 02. 92), 第 1 頁 左下欄 (ファミリーなし)	1-10
A	JP05-267256A (シーメンス アクチエンゲゼルシャフト) , 15. 10月. 1993 (15. 10. 93), & EP553469A3	1-10

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference P97-28	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/JP97/02369	International filing date (day/month/year) 09 July 1997 (09.07.1997)	Priority date (day/month/year) 10 July 1996 (10.07.1996)
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Applicant DAIKIN INDUSTRIES, LTD.		

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These annexes consist of a total of \_\_\_\_\_ sheets.

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- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 08 December 1997 (08.12.1997)	Date of completion of this report 17 August 1998 (17.08.1998)
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# INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP97/02369

## I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

☒ the international application as originally filed.

☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed,  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand,  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_,  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed,  
 Nos. \_\_\_\_\_, as amended under Article 19,  
 Nos. \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand,  
 Nos. \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_,  
 Nos. \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ the drawings, sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed,  
 sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand,  
 sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_,  
 sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the drawings, sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

# INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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## V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

### 1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	2,7,8	YES
	Claims	1,3-6,9,10	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-10	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO

### 2. Citations and explanations

Claims 1, 4-6, 9 and 10

In document 1 [JP, 08-291299, A (Central Glass Co., Ltd.) 5 November 1996 (0.511.96)]  $\text{CF}_3\text{COCF}_3$  is listed as a cleaning gas, and therefore the subject matter of Claims 1, 4-6, 9, and 10 of the invention does not appear to be novel.

Claims 1, 3, and 5

In document 2 [JP, 60-77429, A (Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.) 2 May 1985 (02.05.85) line 8, lower right column, page 2 to line 14, upper left column, page 3]  $\text{CF}_3\text{CFCF}_2\text{O}$  is listed as a cleaning gas, and therefore the subject matter of Claims 1, 3, and 5 does not appear to be novel.

Claims 6, 8, and 10

With respect to the subject matter in Claims 6, 8, and 10 of the invention, the application of the  $\text{CF}_3\text{CFCF}_2\text{O}$  cleaning gas disclosed in document 2 above to the cleaning of plasma CVD chambers can easily be arrived at by persons skilled in the art.

Claims 1-10

In document 3 [JP, 55-149643, A (The Perkin-Elmer Corp.) 21 November 1980 (21.11.80), line 1, lower right column, page 1], document 4 [JP 04-346428, A (Sony Corp.) 2 December 1992 (02.12.92), lower left column, page 1] and document 5 [JP, 06-163476, A (Sony Corp.) 10 June 1994 (10.06.94) lines 28 to 49, right column, page 2]  $\text{CF}_3\text{COCF}_3$  and a linear unsaturated fluorocarbon  $\text{C}_3\text{F}_6$  are disclosed as etching gases, and the use of these gases as cleaning gases such as those described in document 2 can easily be arrived at by persons skilled in the art.

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